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for the year ending

October, 1861.

POTTSVILLE, PA., October 15, 1861

The Synod of New Jersey met pursuant to adjournment in the Second Presbyterian Church in this place at 3 o'clock, P. M. and was opened with a sermon from Deuteronomy, the eighth chapter, and the first part of the second verse, "and thou shall remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee." by the Rev. Ravaud K. Rodgers, D. D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

MINISTERS: Lewis Bond, William W. Blauvelt, D. D., Benjamin Cory, James C. English, Samuel L. Sheddan, John C. Rankin, Everard Kempshall, Edward B. Edgar, William Scribner, William M. Martin, V. Leroy Lockwood, Gardiner L. Plumley, Charles C. Wallace, Samuel M. Studdiford.

ELDERS: From Lamington, David Dunham; 1st Church, Elizabeth, W. W. Pinneo; Pluckamin, Chales Suydam; Liberty Corner, James H. Day; Baskingridge, John Stevens; 1st, Woodbridge, Henry M. Demarest; 1st Rahway, Randolph DeCamp; 2d Rahway, Jonathon Woodruff; Metuchen, Ezra M. Hunt.

From the Presbytery of Passaic.

MINISTERS: Edward Harris, Samuel Hutchings, Robert Street, William Hornblower, D. D., David Irving, Elijah R. Craven, D. D., George M. L. Blauvelt, James T. Br wster.

ELDER: From Connecticut Farms, Clark Faitoute; 1st Church, Paterson, David Inglis; Mount Olive, Richard Stevens; Chos er, Henry Hodges.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS: Ravaud K. Rodgers, D. D., Charles W. Nassau, D. D., James Macdonald, D. D., Hugh Hamill, George Hale, Rufus Taylor, John Hall, D. D., Samuel M. Hamill, Abraham Gosman, Jesse B. Davis, Joseph G. Symmes, Henry B. Chapin, Edward D. Yeomans, Amzi L. Armstrong, Prentiss De Veuve, Robert L. Manning, Henry A. Harlow.

ELDERS: From Kingston, J. Gordon Van Dyke; 1st Church, Princeton, Isaac Baker; Lawrence, Johnes Brearley; 1st Church, Trenton; Jonathon Fisk; 4th Church, Trenton, Aaron A. Hutchinson; 1st Church, Cranbury, Stephen T. Duncan; Hamilton Square, J. C. Cubberly; 1st. Church, New Brunswick, John Terhune; Dutch Neck, Isaac J. Snediker.

From the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS: Andrew Tully, John R. Willox, William C. McGee, George C. Bush, John A. Reiley, William R. Glen, Frederic Knighton, Myron Barret, George S. Mott, Philip W. Melick, Gilbert Lane, James G. Mitchell, Alfred Yeomans, T. D. Bryan.

ELDERS: From Stewartsville, Robert S. Kennedy; 1st Church, Mansfield, Jesse Waller; Oxford, J. C. Prall; Newton, Whitfield S. Johnson; Lower Mount Bethel, Merari Gulick; Phillipsburgh, L. W. Teel; 2d Church, Mansfield, Tunis H. Tunison; Musconetcong Valley, Abraham Apgar.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS: Samuel J. Baird, D. D., Joseph W. Hubbard, Edward P. Shield, Benjamin L. Everitt, Chester Bridgeman, Hamill Davis.

ELDERS: From 1st Church, Bridgeton, Nathaniel Fish; Salem, Reuben Hinchman; Woodbury, Augustus L. Barbour; Cedarville, David Harris; 2d Church, Bridgeton, Joel Fithian;.

From the Presbytery of Susquehanna.

MINISTERS: Julius Foster, Thomas L. Dewing.

ELDERS: None.

From the Presbytery of Luzerne.

MINISTERS: John White, Charles D. Rosenthal, James L. Ferguson, Samuel F. Colt, Milo J. Hickok, D. D., J. Delville Mitchell, H. Grier Parke, John Armstrong, Jonathon Osmond, Andrew M. Lowry, Henry H. Welles, John Johnson, J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Thompson, F. F. Kolb, Jacob Weidman.

ELDERS: From the 2d Church, Pottsville, P. A. Godfrey; Scranton, George Fuller; Port Carbon, George Beck, Sen., Conyingham, Henry Gilmore; Tamaqua, George Wiggan.

From the Presbytery of Raritan.

MINISTERS: John MacNair, D. D., John L. Janeway.

ELDERS: Morris L. Stiger, John Kershow, from Clinton and Flemington, respectively.

From the Presbytery of Burlington.

MINISTERS: Samuel Miller, John Chester, J. Alystin Blauvelt.

ELDERS: From the 1st Church, Camden, James H. Stevens; 2d Church, Camden, Robert Barbour; Burlington, John Rodgers.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS: Charles T. Worrell, Thaddeus Wilson, Frank Chandler, John L. Kehoo, Donald McLaren, Daniel D. Sahler, William W. Wells.

ELDERS: From Shrewsbury, David N. Byran; Manalapan, John Van Doren; Jamesburgh.

From the Presbytery of Corisco in Africa.

MINISTERS: None.
ELDERS: None.

ABSENT

Of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

MINISTERS: James B. Hyndshaw, Holloway W. Hunt, Edwin Downer, Elias Riggs, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell, J. Abeel Baldwin, Daniel H. Vanderveer, Edwin H. Reinhart, George Shelden, William Huntting, Allen T. Graves, James H. McNeill, James B. Crane, Elias N. Crane.

Of the Presbytery of Passaic.

MINISTERS: David Magie, D. D., Abraham Williamson, Alfred Chester, Joseph M. Ogden, D. D., Orlando L. Kirtland, James C. Edwards, David W. Pierson, Edward M. Weiss, Paul E. Stevenson.

Of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS: Isaac Van Doren, Jonathon Cogswell, D. D., Charles S. Stewart, Charles Hodge, D. D., Robert Baird, D. D., Thomas L. Janeway, D. D., Alexander F. McGill, D. D., Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., Joseph Mahon, J. H. McIlvaine, D. D., James C. Moffat, D. D., Andrew B. Morse, John Maclean, D. D. L. L. D., Miles T. Merwin, Thomas D. Hoover, A. D. White, John T. Duffield, Wm. Henry Green, D. D., Thomas W. Cattell, Joseph R. Mann, Caspar W. Hodge, G. Musgraves Giger, D. D., Howard Crosby, D. D., John W. Frazee.

Of the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS: Jacob T. Field, Holloway W. Hunt, Aaron H. Hand, D. D., Thaniel B. Condit, Solomon McNair, William H. Kirk, William W. Westervelt, J. Edwin Miller, J. Kirby Davis, Ephraim Simanton, Robert B. Foresman, Robert H. Reeves, Henry Rinker, J. Sandford Smith, Joseph Van Dyke.

Of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS: George W. Janvier, John Burt, Moses Williamson, L. Beach Jones, D. D., Daniel Stratton, Charles E. Ford, Allen H. Brown, Robinson P. Dunn, John A. Annin, Charles Wood, Nathaniel McConaughy.

Of the Presbytery of Luzerne.

MINISTERS: Ebenezer H. Snowden, Thomas P. Hunt, George Printz, J. B. Adams, C. R. Lane, Edwin Bronson, W. E. Holmes, A. Alexander Hodge.

Of the Presbytery of Susquehanna.

MINISTERS: Charles C. Corss, Thomas Thomas, Darwin Cook, Hallock Armstrong, George K. Harriner, Andrew Barr, James G. Carnochan, Edward Kennedy, Jonas Denton.

Of the Presbytery of Raritan.

MINISTERS: Jacob Kirkpatrick, D. D., Peter O. Studdiford, James Ewers, Benjamin Carrel, Edwin Town, George P. Van Wick, Joseph Rogers, Henry F. Spayd.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington.

MINISTERS: William Chester, D. D., Henry Perkins, Alden Scovel, John P. Robbins, Daniel Stewart, D. D., James Stebbins, Lewis C. Baker.

Of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS: Charles Webster, John M. Rogers, Alexander Gulick, Charles Milne, Isaac Todd.

Of the Presbytery of Corisco in Africa.

MINISTERS: James L. Mackey, William Clemens, Cornelius De Heer.

The roll of the Synod having been called, the Rev. John Mac Nair, D. D., was unanimously chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Hale and Gosman were chosen Clerks

Resolved, That during the present sessions of the Synod it be the order to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M.- to have a recess at 1/2 past 12 o'clock, P. M.,- to meet at 1/2 past 2 o'clock, P. M.-to have a recess at 5 o'clock P. M. and to meet at 1/2 past 7 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Alfred Nevin, D. D., of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on religious exercises made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on religious exercises recommend to the Synod that public worship be held in the church which the sessions of the Synod are held, this Evening at 1/2 past 7 o'clock-that a sermon be preached by the Rev. Mr. Sheddan-and that the Synodical prayer meeting be held in the same place on Wednesday Evening, at the same hour.

The Rev. Drs. Rodgers and Blauvelt, and the Rev. Messrs. Street, Glen, Hubbard and Foster, Minister, and Messrs. Inglis, Baker, Harris, and Rodgers, Elders, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this house upon the recess of the Synod, at 5 o'clock P. M. and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Synod then had a recess until 1/2 past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess the Synod convened and attended upon the religious exercises, agreeably to the recommendation of the committee.

At the close of the religious exercises, the Synod proceeded to business.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, in Rahway, N. J., on the third Tuesday of October, 1862, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod-the Rev. Mr. Sheddan, the pastor of the Church, and Mr. Randolph De Camp be a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the next meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Rodgers be requested to furnish a copy of the discourse delivered by him, at the opening of the Synod for publication, and that the Rev. Mr. Janeway be a committee to ascertain what amount can be erased to meet the expense of publication.

The Rev. Messrs. Sheddan and Knighton, and the Rev. Drs. Hickok and MacDonald, Ministers and Messrs. Kennedy, Pithian, and Fuller, Elders were appointed a judicial committee to meet at the call of the chairman.

Messrs. Jonathon Fisk and James H. Stevens were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's account, and to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries of the Synod, for the purpose of meeting the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Hornblower and the Rev. Mr. English Ministers, and Messrs. Brearley and Tunison were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Messrs. Symmes and Tully, Ministers and Mr. DeCamp, Elder were appointed a committee to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod for the next year.

The Rev. Messrs. Bond and Kehoo, Ministers, and Mr. W. L. Johnson, Elder were appointed a committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and report any articles requiring the attention of the Synod.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial Records.

The Rev. Mr. Wells, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and the Rev. Mr. De Veuve, Ministers, and Mr. John B. Thompson, those of Elizabethtown.

The Rev. Mr. Janeway, and the Rev. Mr. John Johnson Ministers, and Mr. Byran, Elder, those of Passaic.

The Rev. Messrs. Bush, and McLaren, Ministers and Mr. Barbour, Elder, those of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Messrs. Edgar and James, Ministers, and Mr. Kershow, Elder those of Newton.

The Rev. Messrs. Parke and Dewing, Ministers, and Mr. Beck, Elder, those of West Jersey.

The Rev. Messrs. Knighton, and Shields, Ministers, and Mr. John Stevens, Elder those of Susquehanna.

The Rev. Messrs. J. B. Davis and Barret, Ministers, and Mr. Teel, Elder, those of Luzerne.

The Rev. Messrs. Hutchings and Cory, Ministers, and Mr. Hutchinson, Elder, those of Raritan.

The Rev. Messrs. John Armstrong and Tully, Ministers, and Mr. Gilmore, Elder, those of Burlington.

The Rev. Messrs. E. D. Yeomans and Harris, Ministers, and Mr. Faitoute, Elder, those of Monmouth.

A paper was presented to the Synod on the subject of a division of the Synod, which having been read, was referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS----9 O'clock
October 16th.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Rev. Henry Perkins, D. D. of the Presbytery of Burlington, and Mr. William Imlay, Elder, from

the church of Allentown, of the same Presbytery, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Resolved, That hereafter, when Ministers of other denominations or other Synods are invited to sit as corresponding members they be presented to the house, and recognized by the Moderator addressing them, and informing them of the invitation of the Synod.

The Rev. J. W. McCaskey, of the Methodist Episcopal Church-the Rev. Mr. Haman of the German Evangelist Association of Pennsylvania-the Rev. R. Austin of the Baptist Church and the Rev. E. Eliheart of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, were introduced to the Synod, and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Statistical reports from the Presbyteries composing the Synod, were presented and accepted, and are as follows, viz:

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown, reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of twenty-eight Ministers, and have under their care 16 churches and 2 candidates.

MINISTERS: James B. Hyndshaw, Holloway W. Hunt, Lewis Bond, Edwin Downer, William W. Blauvelt, D. D., Elias Riggs, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell, Benjamin Cory, James T. English, Samuel L. Sheddan, J. Abeel Baldwin, Daniel H. Van Derveer, John C. Rankin, Edwin H. Reinhart, George Sheldon, Edward B. Edgar, William Hunting, Allen T. Graves, William Scribner, J. H. McNeill, William M. Martin, James B. Crane, V. Leroy Lockwood, Gardiner L. Plumley, Everard Kempshall, Elias N. Crane, Samuel M. Studdiford, Charles C. Wallace.

CHURCHES: Lamington, Pluckamin, Liberty Corner, 1st Church, Rahway, New Providence, Baskingridge, Elizabeth Port, Westfield, 1st Church, Woodbridge, 2d Church, Rahway, 1st Church, Metuchen, 1st Church, Elizabeth, New Vernon, 1st Church, Plainfild, Perth Amboy, German Church, Meyersville.

The Presbytery further report that on the 29th of October 1860, they received the Rev. Charles C. Wallace from the third Presbytery of New York, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the church of Perth Amboy-that on the 4th of February, 1861, the Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D., departed this life-that on the 1st of August, they dismissed Mr. Joseph L. Van Dyke a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Newton-that on the 18th of September, they received the Rev. Everard Kempshall from the Presbytery of Buffalo City, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the 1st church of Elizabethtown-that on the 1st of October, they received the Rev. Allen T. Graves from the Presbytery of Louisville-

The Presbytery further report that all our churches have made collections for the different Boards of the Church-for the Fund for disabled Ministers, and for the American Bible Society, except that the church of Perth Amboy has omitted the collection for the Fund for disabled Ministers.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Passaic, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 18 Ministes, and have under their care 14 churches, and 1 Licentiate.

MINISTERS: David Magie, D. D., Abraham Williamson, Alfred Chester, Joseph M. Ogden, D. D., Edward Harris, Samuel Hutchings, Orlando L. Kirtland, James C. Edwards, Robert Street, Paul E. Stevenson, Wm. H. Hornblower, David Irving, Elijah R. Craven, D. D., George M. S. Blauvelt, David M. James, James F. Brewster, David H. Pierson, Edward W. Weiss.

CHURCHES: 2d Church, Elizabeth, Mount Freedom, Chatham Village, Springfield, 2d Church, Morristown, Connecticut Farms, 1st Church, Paterson, 1st Church, Morristown, 3d Church, Newark, Mount Olive, Chester, Lyons Farms, Flanders, German Church, Paterson.

LICENTIATE: Francis E. Butler.

The Presbytery further report that on the 2d of March 1861, they dismissed Mr. John L. Beekman a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cuskalovsa, and that on the 6th of September they dismissed Mr. Edward G. Bryant, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Alton.

Respectfully submitted.
By Order of Presbytery,
ROBERT STREET, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 41 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, 9 Licentiates, and 12 Candidates.

MINISTERS: Isaac Van Doren, Jonathon Cogswell, D. D., Ravaud K. Rodgers, D. D., Charles Hodge, D. D., Charles S. Stewar, Charles W. Nassau, D. D., John Maclean, D. D., Robert Baird, D. D., Thomas L. Janeway, D. D., James Macdonald, D. D., Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., Hugh Hamill, Joseph Mahon,

George Hale, J. H. McIlvaine, D. D., James C. Moffat, D. D., Rufus Taylor, John Hall, D. D., Miles T. Merwin, Thomas D. Hoover, A. D. White, John T. Duffield, Wm. Henry Green, D. D., Thomas W. Cattell, Joseph R. Mann, Abraham Gosman, Jesse B. Davis, Samuel M. Hamill, Joseph G. Symmes, Henry B. Chapin, Edward D. Yeomans, Caspar W. Hodge, Andrew B. Morse, Robert L. Manning, Amzi L. Armstrong, Presntiss DeVeuve, George M. Giger, D. D., Henry A. Harlow, John H. Frazee, Howard Crosby, D. D.

CHURCHES: Bound Brook, 1st Church, Princeton, Pennington, Hightstown, 1st Church, Trenton, 2d, Church, Cranbury, 2d Church, Trenton, 2d Church, Princeton, Lawrence, Titusville, 1st Church, Cranbury, 3d Church, Trenton, 4th Church, Trenton, Hamilton Square, Dutch Neck, Ewing, 2d Church, New Brunswick, Witherspoon Street, Princeton, 1st Church, New Brunswick, Kingston.

LICENTIATES: Mr. Henry M. Baird, Sandford H. Smith, Samuel B. Dod, Peres B. Bonney, Sterling Galt, Joshua H. Janeway, William J. Wright, Edward W. Spooner, Robert C. McKinney.

The Presbytery further report that on the 3d of October, 1860, they dismissed Mr. Joseph W. Kerr, a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Tombeckbee-That on the 17th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. Alfred Yeomans a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Newton-and on the 18th of the same month received Mr. O. Howell Hazard under their care as a candidate for the Ministry-that on the 19th of October they dismissed Mr. John McMurray a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Orleans-that on the 6th of February 1861, they received under their care as Candidates for the Ministry, Messrs. Mahlon Van

Horn, P. P. Hedges and J. L. Frame-that on the same day they received the Rev. Joshua N. McIlvaine, D. D., from the Presbytery of Rochester City-and licensed Mr. Edward F. Williams to preach the Gospel-that on the 3d of April, they dismissed Mr. Robert F. Davis a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Jersey-that on the 16th of April, they received the Rev. Joseph R. Mann from the Presbytery of New York, as a member of this body-that on the same day, they received under their care as Candidates for the Ministry, Messrs. Robert C. Mc Kinney-Wm. Henry Brace, and Robert J. Brace and licensed Messrs. Henry H. Humphrey, Robert C. McKinney, William J. Wright, Joshua N. Janeway, Herbert N. Hawes, and Edward N. Spooner, to preach the gospel-and received Howard Crosby, D. D., a licentiate from the classis of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Dutch Church-that on the 17th of April, they ordained Mr. Robert Hamill Nassau, a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist-that on the 19th of April, the Rev. Isaac V. Brown, D. D., departed this life-that on the 2d of May they received the Rev. A. Alexander Hodge from the Presbytery of East Hanover, as a Member of this body-that on the same day, they ordained Dr. Howard Crosby, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the 1st Church of New Brunswick,-that on the 22d of May, they dismissed Mr. Herbert N. Hawes a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Hanover-that on the 3d of May, they installed the Rev. Joseph R. Mann Pastor of the 2d Church of Princeton-that on the 3d of June, they dismissed Mr. W. M. Geddes a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle-that on the 8th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. John Lowry a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of North River-that on the 20th of June, they dismissed Mr. Samuel B. Taggat, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Vincennes-that on the 2d of August, the pastoral

relation between the Rev. Thomas L. Janway, D. D., and the church of Kingston was dissolved-and on the same day the Rev. A. Alexander Hodge was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Luzerne-that on the 20th of August, Mr. J. K. Geyer, a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Sogansport-that on the 12th of September, Mr. Henry Hurd, a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Rochester Presbytery-that on the 1st of October the Rev. Robert W. Nassau was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Coriso in Africa-and the Rev. George W. Burroughs was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Nassau-that on the same day, they received the Rev. Caspar W. Hodge from the Presbytery of New Castle, and dismissed Mr. Marvin Briggs, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York-and received under their care as candidates for the Ministry, Messrs. Theron Britton-Frank B. Hodge-William Travers-David Silvers and William Joseph Parrot-and that on the 2d of October, they dismissed Mr. Henry H. Humphrey a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Lake Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, and 7 candidates.

MINISTERS: Jacob T. Field, Holloway W. Hunt, Aaron H. Hand, D. D., Thaniel B. Condit, Andrew Tully, John R. Willox, William C. McGee, George C. Bush, John A. Reiley, Solomon MacNair, William H. Kirk, J. Edwin Miller, William R. Glen, J. Kirby Davis, Frederic Knighton, Ephraim Simanton, Myron Barret, George S. Mott, Robert B. Foresman, Robert H. Reeves, Henry Rinker, Philip Melick, Gilbert Lane, James Y. Mitchell, William E. Westerfelt, J. Sandford Smith, Alfred Yeomans, E. D. Bryan, Joseph Van Dyke.

CHURCHES: Greenwich, Stillwater, Swartswood, Harmony, Fox Hill, Marksborough, Yellow Frame, Stewartsville, Blairstown, Belvidere, German Valley, Shawnee, Middle Smithfield, Oxford, Danville, Stroudsburgh, Newton, Lower Mount Bethel, Hope, Knowlton, Upper Mount Bethel, 2d Church, Mansfield, Pleasant Grove, Phillipsburgh, Andover, Musconetcong Valley, 1st Church, Mansfield, Hackettstown, Asbury, Bloomsbury.

The Presbytery further report that on the 26th of June, 1860, they dismissed the Rev. W. C. Cattell, to join the Presbytery of Carlisle-that on the 17th of April, 1861, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Solomon MacNair and the 1st Church of Mansfield, was dissolved-and also the pastoral relation between the Rev. Andrew Tully and the Church of Harmony-that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Charles Wood to join the Presbytery of West Jersey-that on the 2d of July, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William E. Westervelt and the church of Bloomsbury-that on the 1st of October they dissoved the pastoral relation between the Rev. F. Rick Harbough and the Church of Hackettstown, and dismissed Mr. Harbough to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 18th of October 1860, they received Mr. Alfred Yeomans, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 30th of December, ordained him to the work of the Ministry and installed him Pastor of the church of Musconetcong Valley-that on the 17th of April, 1861, they received the Rev. John R. Willox from the Evanglical Lutheran Synod

of East Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Gilbert Lane from the classis of Schoharie of the Reformed Dutch Church-that on the 1st of May, they installed Mr. Lane as Pastor of the churches of Pleasnat Grove and Mansfield 2d-that on the 2d of May, they installed Mr. Welles, Pastor of the Church at Fox Hill-that on the 1st of October, they received the Rev. Henry Rinker from the Presbytery of Luzerne-and the Rev. E. D. Bryan from the Presbytery of Connecticut-that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Joseph L. Van Dyke a licentiate from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and that on the 10th of the same month they ordained Mr. Van Dyke to the work of the gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Bloomsbury.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
F. KNIGHTON, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of West Jersey, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates. viz:

MINISTERS: George W. Janvier, John Burt, Moses Williamson, L. Beach Jones, D. D., Daniel Stratton, Charles E. Ford, Samuel J. Baird, D. D., Allen H. Brown, Robinson P. Dunn, John A. Annin, Joseph W. Hubbard, Edward P. Shields, Benjamin L. Everitt, Charles Wood, Chester Bridgeman, Nathaniel McConaughy, R. Hamill Davis.

CHURCHES: Cold Spring, Bridgeton, 1st Church, Salem, Williamstown, Fislerville, Woodbury, Cedarville, Bridgeton, 2d Church, Pittsgrove, Blackwoodstown, Woodstown, Swedesborough, Millville, Greenwich, Cape Island, Deerfield, Cape May Court House, May's Landing, Leed's Point, Absecon, 2d Church, Cape May Co., Brainerd.

LICENTIATES: Samuel A. McElhinney, F. R. Brace.

The Presbytery further report that on the 11th of March 1861, the pastoral relation between the Rev. L. K. Wollock, D. D., and the church of Greenwich was dissolved-that on the 15th of April, they dismissed the Rev. L. K. Wollock, D. D., to join the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 17th of the same month, they received Mr. John Schreiver, under their care as a Probationer for the gospel ministry-that on the 4th of June, they received Mr. R. Hamill Davis, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and ordained him to the work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of the church of Deerfield-and that on the same day, they received Mr. Frederic Brace a licentiate from the classis of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that on the 2d of October, they received the Rev. Charles Wood from the Presbytery of Newton.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
ALLEN H. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

6. 6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Churches, 4 Licentiates, and 3 candidates.

MINISTERS: Charles C. Corss, Julius Foster, Thomas Thomas, Darwin Cook, Thomas L. Dewing, Wallock Armstrong, George K. Marriner, Andrew Barr, James G. Carnochan, Edward Kennedy, Jonas Denton.

CHURCHES: Wyalusing, Orwell, Warren, Wysox, Towanda, Troy, Canton, Crawfordsville, Rome, Elkland, Silver Lake, Rushville, Merrick, Monroeton, Burlington, Sullivan, Wyalusing 2d., Meshoppen, Brookfield, Stevensville, Knoxville, Lawrenceville, Independence, Fall Brook.

LICENTIATES: William C. Davis, David Craft, Lyell T. Adams, John L. Swain.

The Presbytery further report that on the 3d day of January, 1861, they received under their care Mr. William C. Davis, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Luzerne, and Mr. Lyell T. Adams, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hudson-that on the 12th of March, they received under their care Mr. Charles Chapin Tracy as a candidate for the Ministry -that on the 13th of March, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George K. Marriner, and the church of Warren, and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas S. Dewing and the church of Wyalusing 2d-that on the 27th of August, they received under their care, the church of Rush ville and erased the name of the church of Rush from their roll-that on the 28th of August, they received under their care the church of Fall Brook-and Mr. John L. Swain, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Raritan-and that on the same day they received as a foreign minister on probation, the Rev. George Blair from the Presbytery of Auchterardix, Scotland.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 28 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates. viz:

MINISTERS: Ebenezer H. Snowden, Thomas P. Hunt, John White, Charles D. Rosenthal, George Printz, J. B. Adams, Edwin Bronson, W. N. Holmes, James L. Ferguson, Samuel L. Colt, Milo J. Hickok, D. D., J. D. Mitchell, D. D., N. Grier Parke, C. E. Lane, Jonathon Osmond, John Armstrong, Andrew Lowry, Henry W. Welles, John Johnson, J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Thompson, Jacob Weidman, F. F. Kolb, Archibald A. Hodge.

CHURCHES: Plymouth, Wilkesbarre, Summit Hill, German Church, Scranton, Newton, Northmoreland, Mahoopany, Creek, 2d Church, Pottsville, Scranton, Pittston, Tunkhannock, Ustley, White Haven, Hazleton, Port Carbon, Kingston, Wyoming, Conyingham, Nauch Chunk, Weatherly, Guadenhutten, Tamaqua, Port Clinton, Nanticoke, Schuylkill Valley, Beaver Meadow, Lake, Scotts.

LICENTIATES: Richard P. Edward, James P. Hughes.

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of October 1860, they received as Candidates for the gospel ministry, Mr. George W. Giddings from the church of Pittston, and Mr. William W. Osler from the church of Pottsville-that on the 25d of December, they organized the Lake Church-that on the 20th of January, they organized the Scotts Presbyterian Church-that on the 23d of January, they received under their care, Mr. Jacob Leidman, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the following day, ordained him and Mr. F. F. Kolb, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, as Evangelists-that on the 6th of February, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry Kinker, and the church of Wyoming-that on the 25th of June, they dismissed the Rev. Henry Kinker, to join the Presbytery of Newton-and Mr. Davis R. Love, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Logansport-that on the 26th of June, they received as a candidate for the ministry, Mr. Thomas Elias, from the church of Kingston, and on the following day, dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Danock and the church of Weatherly, and dismissed Mr. Danock to the Established Kirk of Scotland, in Canada-and that on the 3d of September, they received

the Rev. Archibald Alexander Hodge from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and installed him Pastor of the church of Wilkesbarre.

The Presbytery also report that on the 18th of April 1861, the Rev. John Dorrance, L. L., departed this life.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
H. GRIER PARK, Stated Clerk.

8. The Presbytery of Raritan, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 15 Churches, 1 Candidate, and 1 Licentiate.

MINISTERS: Jacob Kirkpatrick, D. D., Peter C. Studdiford, D. D., John MacVair, D. D., James Lewers, Benjamin Carrel, Edwin Down, John L. Janeway, George D. Van Dyck, Joseph Rogers, Henry Spayd.

CHURCHES: Amwell United, First, Lambertville, Clinton, Milford, Holland, Amwell Second, Flemington, Amwell First, Kingwood, Frenchtown, Rosemont, Tinicum, Solebury, Forestville, Amwell Sixth.

LICENTIATE. John McKelway.

The Presbytery further report that on the 9th of April 1861, they dismissed Mr. John L. Swain, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Susquehanna-that on the 9th of May, 1861, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Edwin Down, and the Second church of Amwell-and the on the 2d of October, 1861, they licensed Mr. John McKelway to preach the gospel

as a probationer for the Christian Ministry.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
P. O. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 11 Churches, and 1 Licentiate.-viz:

MINISTERS: William Chester, D. D., Henry Perkins, D. D., Alden Scovel, John P. Robins, Daniel Stewart, D. D., James Stebbins, Samuel Miller, John Chester, Lewis C. Baker, J. Alystan Blauvelt.

CHURCHES: Allentown, Bordentown, Camden 1st Church, Camden 2d Church, Columbus, Tuckerton, Burlington, New Egypt, Mount Holly, Plattsburgh, Bass River.

LICENTIATE: Martin Ryerson.

The Presbytery further report that on the 24th of February, 1861, they organized a church at Bass River-that on the 5th of March, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Daniel Stewart, D. D. and the 1st church of Camden-and that on the 17th of October, the Rev. J. Alystan Blauvelt was received from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery,
LEWIS C. BAKER, Stated Clerk.

10. The Presbytery of Monmouth, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care, 14 Churches, and 2 Licentiates, viz.

MINISTERS: Charles Webster, Charles F. Worrel, John M. Rogers, Thaddeus Wilson, Alexander Culick,

Charles Milne, Frank Chandler, John L. Kehoe, Donald McLaren, Daniel D. Sahler, William W. Wells, Isaac Todd.

CHURCHES: Millstone, Middletown Point, Shrewsbury, Tom's River, Freehold, Jamesburg, Manalapan, Tennent Church, Red Bank, Manchester, Cedar Creek, Wolmanville, Square Village, Port Washington.

LICENTIATE: Alden Freeman, Albert B. King.

The Presbytery further report that on the 9th of April, 1861, they licensed Mr. Alden Freeman, a candidate under their care to preach the gospel-that on the 22d of April, they organized a church at Port Washington-that on the 1st of October, they received the Rev. Isaac Todd, from the Presbytery of Hudson-and that on the 2d of October, they received under their care Mr. Albert B. King, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York.-

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
DANIEL D. SAHLER, Stated Clerk.

No report was received from the Presbytery of Corisco.-

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they had attended to that duty, and find the same correct, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of seven dollars and two cents.

The report was adopted.

The same committee having been appointed to make an assessment on the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, report that Fifty

Dollars will be needed for that purpose, and recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:

Presbytery of Elizabethtown,	$6.00
" " Passaic,	6.00
" " New Brunswick,	8.00
" " Newton,	6.00
" " Susquehanna,	4.00
" " Luzerne,	5.00
" " West Jersey,	5.00
" " Raritan,	4.00
" " Burlington,	3.00
" " Monmouth,	3.00
" " Corisco,	0.00
	$50.00

The report and recommendation of the committee were adopted.

A circular from the committee having in charge the fund for disabled Ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers of the Presbyterian Church was presented and read, Whereupon,

It was resolved, That the Synod enjoin upon the Presbyteries to see that collections are taken up in their several churches, for the cause annually.

The committee on devotional exercises made the following report with reference to the Synodical prayer meeting to be attended this evening.

1. The Moderator of the Synod to preside-give a hymn, and read a portion of scripture.

2. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick.

3. The Narrative of the State of Religion to be read by the Rev. Mr. Irving, the chairman of the committee appointed to draft it.

4. An address on Foreign Missions by Mr. William Rankin, Jr., Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

5. Psalmody.

6. Prayer by the Rev. J. Y. Mitchell.

7. Address by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald.

8. Psalmody and the Benediction.

The report was adopted.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2 being an enquiry in regard to whether there is any rule requiring that the meetings of a church session be closed with prayer? They recommend a reference to the 44d rule, which is as follows: "The Moderator of every judicatory above the church session, in finally closing its sessions, in addition to prayer, may cause to be sung an appropriate psalm or hymn, and shall pronounce the apostolical benediction," thus shewing that all the judicatories of the church are to be closed with prayer, but that those above the sessions, may have singing and the benediction in addition to prayer.

The report was adopted.

The Synod then had a recess for 15 minutes.-

At the close of the recess, the Synod came to order and proceeded to business.

The committe appointed to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod made the following report which was accepted

and adopted and ordered to be read at the prayer meeting this Evening.

The committee on the Narrative of the State of religion appointed at the last meeting of Synod report that they have received communications from ten of the eleven Presbyteries that compose the body, and that they provided with a mixture of light and shade--of sorrowing and rejoicing.

As Paul proposed to Barnabas to revisit the cities in which churches had been gathered to know their conditions, so we arrive at this same knowledge from the annual reports of the State of religion in the churches of the different Presbyteries, and from them we learn that the home field of the Synod is as extensive, and the appliances of the gospel the same as in former years. Truth has been regularly dispensed to the attendants upon the Sanctuary, the Lecture Room, the Bible Class, and the Sabbath School, and has been blessed to many; still the labours expended in these have not been repaid with great, nor perhaps with corresponding fruits. The hopes that centered around the recent revival period in our history have not been realized-Worldliness wide spread and marked, is still a characteristic of Christian and Church life, dwarfing piety, counteracting heavenly influence and enfeebling the power of the preached word. Earnest personal activity in the Service of Christ is far beneath the pressing demands of the one, and the sad necessities of the other. The standard of religious life and feeling is not sufficiently elevated. The prayer meeting is not thronged and especially by the male members of the church. Family worship is neglected in ot a few Christian households and the children of the church are not regularly brought up in it, while some are deprieved of certain rights and privileges connected with proper Christian culture.

Evils social and moral still prevail within our bounds which have not been counteracted by the power of the gospel and the force of Christian example- may the whole resources of the church have been incapable, in places of arresting the onward flow of intemperance or put a stop to Sabbath desecration and profanity within the sphere of her labours.

It is with pleasure we can speak from the tone of the Narrative of the harmony, union and peace of the church and of the fidelity of the ministry, and though it is not our privelege to mention great and general awakenings and large accessions with which we have been favored in times of special revival, yet reports have come up from churches laden with joy over gathered sheaves.

In the Presbytery of Newton, special mention is made of the churches of Hackettstown, Danville, Lower Mount Bethel, and Blairstown, as being graciously revived by the presence of the Lord and the glory of his power, and the strengthening of these by the addition of some 200 members, In the Monmouth Presbytery, the same divine influences have been at work, cheering the feeble and increasing the moral power of several churches. New Brunswick reports encouraging tokens for good in two or three congregations and Passaic mentions one church refreshed by the special visitation of the Holy Ghost.

Nearly all the churches are supplied with pastors, and the mission field which covers no small portion of the territory of the Synod has been peculiarly favored. During the year Burlington Presbytery has organized one new church-rejoices over considerable accessions to a missionary church and the removal of a heavy pecuniary burden from it and speaks of providential openings which she cannot meet with the resources at her command.

West Jersey has sent out to her mission field four new labourers and now reports the supply of all her churches with the regular ministrations of the word with but one exception, and Luzerne reveals her accustomed aggressive vigor in the fact of several organized churches.

In a highly favored portion of the vineyard of the Lord-in a great measure exmpt from monetary derangments and wholly from the scene of devastation and wanton destruction witnessed in a portion of our land-with a history replete with divine guidances and radiant with wondrous love, we cannot as stewards of the manifold grace of God, refer to our benificence as indicative of our gratitude and our appreciation of the work entrusted to us, when according to the last report of the General Assembly we numbered 195 churches with a membership of 23,523 who gave, including the many non-communicants, to all the Boards of our churches for home and abroad, an aggregate of less than Twenty thousand dollars-or an average of 82 cents a member. The memory of the past and the present in such an exhibit should fill us with shame.

Whilst thus engaged in statistics we regard it a duty, from an allusion to it in a recent narrative of Synod, to look back and see how the Lord has led us, and our improvement of his great goodness and special refreshings as developed in our relative growth as a denomination with other religious sects, and with the increase of population and for obvious reasons we confine the survey to the State which gives name to the Synod.

In 1832 there were 39,040 members belonging to the different Evangelical bodies to a population of nearly 330,000 or one communicant to every 8 1/2 of the population; now we have almost 103,000 among 680,000 in habitants, or one to every 6 3/5.

In this aggregate, the Presbyterian body has increased from 14,369 to 29,571-the Reformed Dutch from 4,223 to 10,081-the Episcopal from 900 to 5,955-the Baptists 5,981 to 17,121 and the Methodists from 15,557 to almost 40,000. Our church has just kept pace with the increase of population, so that whilst we the relative difference between the church and the world, the same during the last thirty years, the other denominations have reduced the proportion from 6 1/2 to 6 3/5. In this time we have little more than doubled while the others combined have quadrupled. This is another painful record-that with one noble seminary and college, our complete church machinery, our educated ministry, and our boasted aggressive movements, we have allowed every other denomination to outstrip us in effective attacks upon the Kingdom of darkness, and instead of being in the van of the sacramental host of God's elect, in Evanglistic efforts, we are bringing up the rear.

The Necrology of the Synod for the past year is light according to Presbyterial reports. Luzerne mentions the removal of a member from active toil to the joys of heavenly rest-the Rev. Dr. Dorrance, who by his many noble qualities and christian character endeared himself to all who knew him, and who has left his impress upon his church and Presbytery.

But we all feel that there is another vacancy-the absence of the genial smile-the warm greeting-the impulsive and generous actvity and the prompt movements of one so steadily in his place, and so long accustomed to meet with us, tell us that Nicholas Murray is no more! Then New Brunswick has lost a valued member in the death of the Dr. Isaac V. Brown,

and as no narrative has been received from Corisco we learn from other sources the fall of Mr. Ogden at his post in Africa.

From this survey of mercies received and returns made, this mingling of encouragements and discouragements, we have much reason for gratitude for the past and hope for the future-much for which to thank God and take courage.

The judicial committee reported Judicial case No. 1 which consists of paper referred to Synod by the Presbytery of Passaic, called an appeal and complaint of Mr. William B. Guild against the action of the session of the 3d church of Newark-Said session, (June 20th 1861) decided that the deliverances of the assembly upon the case of Mr. William B. Guild places Mr. William B. Guild in effect, "where he stood after the sentence of Presbytery, and before Mr. Guild's appeal to Synod was issued," which in their view was the staus of suspension and that he was not a member of their body. Of this action as irregular, and assuming to adjudicate a cars remanded to this Synod, Mr. Guild complains and a peals to the Presbytery of Passaic, and said Presbytery refers the case to Synod.

Your committee find the papers in order, but in the judgment of your committee, the session were precluded from all action on that case until the action of the Synod in accordance with the order of the assembly, and that such action is therefore declared null and void.-

The committee recommend that the case be taken up in the manner prescribed in the Book of Discipline Chapter 7th-Section 3d-Article 8th.

The report was adopted.

Whereupon, It was Resolved, That this judicial case be made the order of the day for 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

Papers in regard to the reception of a Foreign Minister by the Presbytery of Susquehanna, were presented, and referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report at the next stated meeting of the Synod whether any measures are necessary and feasable to secure greater faithfulness in family religion, and the spiritual training of our children in the house and the Sabbath School.

The Rev. S. J. Baird, D. D., and the Rev. John Hall, D. D., Ministers, and Mr. George W. Van Gelder Elder, were appointed.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, made a report which was accepted. That part which related to judicial cases was laid on the table until after the hearing of the case reported by the judicial committee, and that part which related to the division of the Synod was referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises-after which, Synod had a recess until 1/2 past 2 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The Rev. John W. Frazee, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick-the Rev. John M. Rogers, of the Presbytery of Monmouth-the Mr. Joseph Alward, Elder from the church of Elizabth Port, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown-Mr. Joseph Cory, Elder from the church of Westfield, of the same Presbytery-Mr. William Rankin, Jr., Elder from the 3d church of Newark, of the Presbytery of Passaic, and Mr. David E. Marshall, Elder from the church of Blackwoodtown, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. William C. Cattell, of the Synod of Baltimore, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Monmouth, Newton, New Brunswick, Susquehanna, Elizabthtown, West Jersey, Luzerne, Passaic, and Burlington, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them-that the records were kept with care and recommended that they be approved.

These reports were adopted.

The hour for the order of the day, viz, the consideration of the reference of the Presbytery of Passaic of the appeal and complaint of Mr. William B. Guild from a decision of the session of the 3d Church of Newark, having arrived, the Synod proceeded to the consideration of the reference.

The Moderator announced that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

1. The sentence complained of was then read.

2. The reasons for the complaint.

3. The whole record of the proceedings in the case in the lower judicatory.

4. The original parites, viz, Mr. William B. Guild, and the session of the 3d Church of Newark, were heard.

5. The members of the inferior judicatory were then heard.

The roll was then called to give the members of the Synod an opportunity to express their opinions.

Pending the calling the roll, the hour for recess arrived. The calling the roll was dispensed-The court rose, and the Synod had a recess until 1/2 past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and attended upon the exercises of the Synodical prayer meeting agreeably to the recommendation of the committee.

At the close of the religious exercises the Synod resumed the consideration of the judicial case, and the calling the roll to give the members an opportunity to express their opinions was completed.

The vote was then taken, and the complaint of Mr. William B. Guild was sustained as follows:

To sustain	58
Not to sustain	58
To sustain in part	4
Non Liquet	6
Excused from voting	2

Whereupon the Moderator gave the casting vote to sustain the complaint, and it was sustained accordingly.

The following Minute was proposed and adopted as expressive of the views of the Synod in the case, viz.

The complaint is sustained-the Synod judging that the action of the General Assembly in the case did not suspend, nor in any way affect the decision of the Synod; except that it recommends a new trial for reasons contingent upon a condition of which the Synod is left to be the judges.-Until Therefore the sentence of the Synod already made in the case of Elder Guild is reversed or set aside by some competent court, it continues in full force and the action of the session complained of, is null and void.

The Rev. Lewis C. Baker, of the Presbytery of Burlington, appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the Rev. Dr. Hall, and the Rev. Messrs. Chapin and Miller, Ministers and to Mr. Stevens, Elder. They also reported that Rev. Thomas D. Hoover, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick had assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance. These reports were adopted.

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
October 17th.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Resolved, That in view of existing difficulties in the session of the 3d Church of Newark, apparent in the case originating there, which has just been decided by this body, that the Rev. Drs. Macdonald and Wickok Ministers and Professor Stephen Alexander, Elder, be a committee to visit said Church, and ascertain in any mode that the committee may deem proper whether any of the Elders are unacceptable to a majority of the church, and if it should be found that such is the case that the fact be certified to the pastor, to be entered on the session records, and that such be no longer regarded as acting elders in the church.

Resolved, That the said committee be authorized to take any additional steps, which the interests of the church in question and the cause of Christ, may require for the restoration of harmony and peace.

Resolved, That all proceedings in the case of Mr. William B. Guild returned to us from the General Assembly be dismissed by common consent.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 3 being the papers of the Rev. George Blair, a foreign minister referred to the Synod by the Presbytery of Susquehanna-They recommend that, as the papers are all found in order, the Presbytery be permitted to receive Mr. Blair, in accordance with the rule of the church in regard to the reception of foreign ministers.

The report was adopted.

The following resolutions were proposed for the consideration fo the Synod and adopted.

Resolved, That the interests of our foreign and Domestic missionary fields be recommended anew to the ministers and churches connected with this Synod. They are white for the harvest. And while the openings for missionary labor and multiplying and the men are ready to occupy them, the people of God should not be wanting in sustaining by their contributions their efforts, and their prayers, these important arms of our churches enterprises.

Resolved, That the embarrassment incident to the unhappy condition of our country ought not to interfere with out effots for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad, but should rather lead us to increase them, and that our church members are called upon to exercise great self denial, and to be instant in season and out of season, that the great work of Christian benevolence may not flag.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1 being that part of the Ministers of the General Assembly relating to a division of the Synod, which had been referred to them-with regard to this matter, they recommend that whereas, the last General Assembly was overtured by the Presbyteries of Luzerne and Susquehanna, connected with the Synod of New Jersey, and the Presbytery of Northumberland, connected with the Synod of Philadelphia, to organize these several Presbyteries into a new Synod to be called the Synod of ----------, and whereas the Synod of Philadelphia, at its sessions in October 1860, expressed its approval of the purposed organization and the late assembly of 1862, for its action, the Synod of New Jersey, if the overtures be renewed next spring, will join in the request, contained in these several overtures, and will commend to the attention of the Genreal Assembly, the Proposed New Synod as not only called for, but as eminently

desirable and calculated to promote the interests of our zion in North Eastern Pennsylvania.

The report was accepted and laid on the table.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the Rev. Messrs. Blauvelt, Worrel, and McGee-and that Messrs. Johnson and White of the Presbytery of Luzerne had assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod. The report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered for the consideration of Synod and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod in the spirit of that Christian patriotism which the Scriptures enjoin, and which has always characterized this church, do hereby acknowlege and declare our obligations to promote and perpetuate, so far as in us lies, the integrity of these United States, and to strengthen, uphold and encourage the Federal Government in the exercise of all its functions under our noble constitution; and to this constitution in all its provisions, requirements, and principles we profess our unabated loyalty.

The subject of changing the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Newton and Raritan was brought forward, when it was Resolved, That the churches of Bloomsbury-Musconetcong Valley-Fox Hill and German Valley, with their pastors be and they hereby are transferred from the Presbytery of Newton to that of Raritan. Ordered, That the Stated Clerk give notice to these churches and their pastors of this transfer.

The following resolution was offered and adopted. Whereas the interests of our beloved zion as represented in the Foreign and Domestic Boards are inseparable from

the Boards of Education, and whereas there is already embarrassment in the operations of the Board of Education. Therefore, Resolved, That the Board of Education be earnestly recommended to the churhes of this Synod for their prompt and liberal contributing.

Resolved, That hereafter when Ministers of other denominations or other Synods are invited to sit as corresponding members, they be presented to the house and recognized by the Moderator addressing them and informing them of the invitation of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Janeway stated to the Synod that a sufficient sum had been obtained to cover the expense of printing the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rodgers at the opening of the sessions of the Synod.

The committee on leave of absence reported that the Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Presbytery of Monmouth had assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting of the Synod.

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the citizens of Pottsville for the kind and abundant hospitalities which they have extended to the members of the Synod, during the sessions of the body in this place.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to Henry Fisk, Esq., for his kind exertions in procuring from the Railroad companies return tickets for the members of the Synod and to the manager

of those companies who have favored the members with return tickets free of charge.

Ordered, That the calling the roll be dispensed with.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the janitor's bill amounting to Four dollars-the bill for stationary amounting to One dollar and fifty-four cents-and bills for printing tickets for the use of members returning from the Synod, amounting to Three dollars and twelve cents.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Rahway on the 3d Tuesday of October 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with singing prayer and the benediction.

RAVAUD K. ROGERS, Stated Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved.

And Dr. Martin resolved, that the Assembly expressed no opinion upon the action of the Synod in appointing a committee to visit the 2d Church of Newark in order to ascertain if any member of its sessions were unacceptable to the people.

CHARLES C. BEATTY, Moderator

Columbus, Ohio
May 28th, 1862

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